

MEMORANDUM FOR: [] Special Assistant to the DDCI
THROUGH : [], Career Training Program Director
SUBJECT : Attendance at Terrorism Conferences

1. On November 12, 1976, I presented a paper on OPR's [] events data system to the Northeast Political Science Association's annual convention, held at the Jug End, in South Egremont, Massachusetts. I also filled in as a discussant of [] paper on "Terrorist Organizations and the International System." [] of M/CT

2. Comments from the audience were generally helpful, and sympathetic to the Agency's efforts in the analysis of trends in international terrorism. Many expressed interest in receiving copies of OPR unclassified reports, and I have forwarded their names and addresses to the OPR Registry. Comments included worries about independent verification of the analytical methods used versus protection of sources, problems of hostile penetration of the computer data files, and errors in coverage of events.

3. The only hostile reaction I received was by an individual who questioned the propriety of intelligence officers attending academic conferences. The same individual suggested that the Agency had given support to the perpetrators of the Cubana airlines bombing, and informed the crowd that [] had verified this information to him in private conversation. He also suggested that [] of the FBI was used as the liaison man between the Agency and the Cuban exiles. I replied that the Agency welcomes the input of academics who wish to aid us in improving our analytical techniques, and pointed out that this is yet another way that the American people are able to influence policy. In response to the allegations of support to terrorists, I referred him to numerous State Department denunciations of terrorism in any form for any purpose. The audience seemed more interested in aiding us in analysis of events, and did not pursue this line of questioning.

4. In summary, despite minor harassment by one individual, I feel that this was one of the most useful conferences on terrorism I've attended, and the contacts I was able to make will aid us in the future.

5. I have subsequently been invited to three additional conferences which will be featuring panels on terrorism, and would appreciate your advice on which, if any, you would like me to attend before I submit these invitations to the formal approval process:

a. Probe International, Inc. is sponsoring a conference on the terrorist threat to American businessmen January 11-12 at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills, California. I have been asked to repeat

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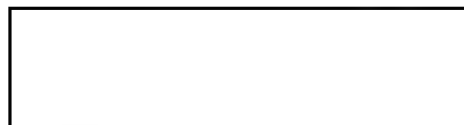
(with relevant updates) the presentation I gave to Probe's conference held in New York City in September of this year. Probe has offered to cover my travel and hotel expenses.

b. Professor Michael Stohl of Purdue University has asked me to present a paper to the terrorism panel of the annual convention of the Midwest Political Science Association/Midwest Peace Science Society to be held in April of 1977 in Chicago. My talk would be an exposition on statistical approaches to the study of terrorism, including examples based on data collected from 1968 through 1976.

c. Professor Abraham Miller of the University of Cincinnati has asked me to present a paper to the terrorism panel of the annual convention of the Western Political Science Association to be held in Phoenix, Arizona, on March 31-April 2, 1977. My talk would discuss the role of formal bargaining models, including game theory, decision trees, and econometric modelling, in the analysis of the relationships between governments and international terrorist groups.

d. In all three of the above presentations, no classified material would be discussed. I would be openly identified as an employee of the Office of Training of the Agency.

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